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IN REPLY REPER TO

Project Planning Branch

To All Interested Parties:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Nashville District, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess impacts of a proposed supplement to the J. Percy Priest (JPP) Master Plan.

The original JPP Master Plan was approved in 1966 and last updated in 1986. This document serves as a guide for coordination of project development and management of all land and water resources. The intent of an updated Master plan is to present a current inventory and assessment of resources, provide an analysis of resource use, and evaluate existing and future needs required to protect and improve the value of resources at J. Percy Priest.

By way of this letter, we are soliciting public and agency comments concerning environmental issues that should be addressed. We encourage comments not only about JPP lands and waters, but also of plans or proposals for any other development that may impact or influence project resources.

Two alternatives will be evaluated: No action and updating the Master Plan. No Action means that there would be no supplement to the existing Master Plan and no new resource classification, assessment, and inventory would occur. Updating the Master Plan would mean permanent changes to the existing document.

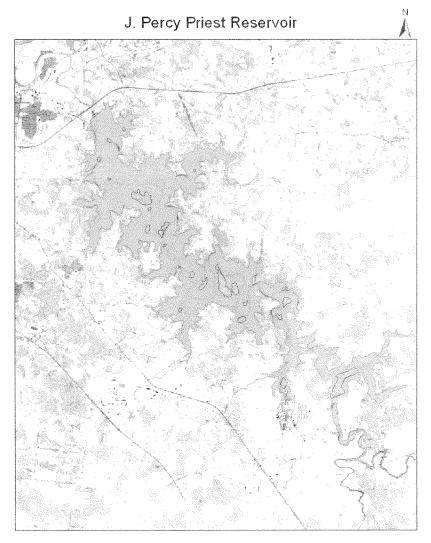
This letter serves to initiate public involvement requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Section 106, implemented by regulations at 36CFR800, requires the Corps of Engineers to consider the effects of its undertakings on historic properties. Updating the Master Plan will not constitute an undertaking; however implementation of any changes in land use may require further coordination and consultation with the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Officer. This letter also serves to initiate public involvement that is an integral part of supplementing or updating Nashville District project master plans.

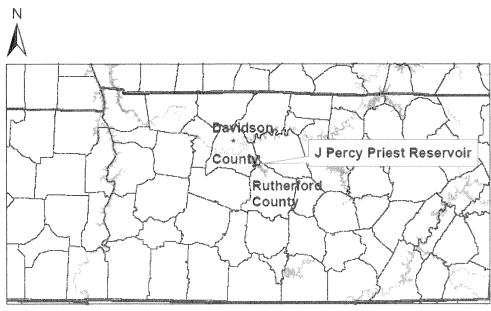
If you have any information, comments, or questions, please contact Kim Franklin by writing to the above address or calling (615) 736-7954. Please submit your comments no later than March 30, 2007, to assure evaluation and inclusion in the process. Your participation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Project Planning Branch





J Percy Priest Vicinity Map